Bathing facilities for political prisoners.

* 224 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many baths are given to political prisoners in a week;

(*b*) whether they are supplied with hot water to bathe or whether they are allowed only cold water baths;

(*c*) how many baths are allowed for other prisoners in a week; and

(*d*) whether they are supplied with soap or soapnut for their bath?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to rules 269 and 592 of the Madras Jail Manual. There is no provision for the supply of hot water to prisoners for bathing purposes. All prisoners are treated alike.

(*d*) 'A' and 'B' class prisoners are supplied with soap and all female prisoners are supplied with soapnut.

Irrigation

Rules regulating the distribution of water from the Mettur Reservoir.

* 225 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether draft rules for the distribution of water from Mettur reservoir have been submitted to the Government;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have considered the same and at what stage they are;

(*c*) whether any opportunity will be given to all parties interested in the Cauvery Delta Irrigation system to place their points of view before the Government;

(*d*) whether a copy of the draft rules will be published for public information and whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*e*) when the Government propose to pass final orders in respect of the said rules?

A.—(*a*) Rules have been in force since June 1933.

(*b*) The proposals of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for the revision of the rules in the light of the experience gained this year have just been received.

(*c*) & (*d*) The draft rules will be published before they are brought into force.

(*e*) In March 1934.

Progress of the High Level Channel Scheme.

* 226 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of excavation work done till now as per estimate and excavation work yet to be done, if any, in the High Level Channel Scheme in Trichinopoly taluk;

(b) the total amount spent till now on the estimate and the balance of amount to be spent; and

(c) when the whole work is expected to be completed?

A.—(a) Excavation work has been started in the first 20 miles of the Kattalai High Level channel in the Kulittalai taluk and 16,000 units have been done against the total of 25,900 units in the taluk. No excavation work has yet been begun in the Trichinopoly taluk in which the total work to be done according to the sanctioned estimate amounts to 2,500 units.

(b) The expenditure incurred to end of August 1933 is Rs. 4,36,816 against the estimate of Rs. 17,50,000 for works.

(c) The main canal is expected to be finished before July 1935, and the distributaries by about July 1936.

Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar:—"May I know why in Trichinopoly taluk alone the excavation work has not been undertaken till now?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Papanasam Reservoir Project.

* 227 Q.—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what orders, if any, have been passed on the proposals for a Papanasam Reservoir Project in the Tinnevelly district as an independent irrigation scheme; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to place the papers relating to this on the table?

A.—(a) The report on the project has not yet been submitted to Government.

(b) The question of placing the papers on the table will be considered in due course.

Mr. M. Devadasan:—"May I know for how long the Papanasam Reservoir Project has been engaging the attention of the Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

Repairs to the Kangayan channel and anicut in the Tinnevelly district.

* 228 Q.—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the Kangayan channel and anicut under the Gatanar river in the Tinnevelly district,—

(a) whether the Tinnevelly District Association presented a memorandum to the Executive Engineer on 21st November 1932 at the Ryots' Irrigation Conference, Tinnevelly, about the unsatisfactory condition of the channel;